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For: NOVEL SOFT-GELATIN CAR COMPRISING S-ADENOSYL METHIONINE AND A METH FOR PRODUCING THE SAM	- ) HOD )

## REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action/Final Rejection dated September 22, 2003, please first amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: